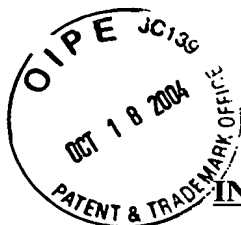


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- a. Calculating an error between the time at which the camera actually starts a frame and the time at which the camera should start the frame; and,
- b. Synchronizing image acquisition based on the calculated error.

The Dragonfly camera adjusts the rate at which the image is clocked out by modifying the number of columns clocked out of every row - increasing the number of columns decreases the speed and vice versa. Synchronization is checked once every 8 lines. This is done by determining the current position in the image and then back projecting to the theoretical start of frame. The current error is then calculated relative to what the actual start of frame should have been. This allows the Dragonfly camera to determine whether it is too fast or too slow, taking into account the current error for the current position in the image.

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